

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 293
By Fraley

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Sarah Elizabeth Cope on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, Sarah Elizabeth Cope, daughter of Dr. Herbert Lee Herring and Bessie Moncrief Herring, has made important contributions to the field of education; she will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 16, 2001, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, Prominent citizens of Troop County, in La Grange, Georgia, her father was a pharmacist and a pioneer in producing the formula for Pepsi Cola; her mother worked as an artist, while raising Sara and her three sisters; and

WHEREAS, At approximately age 26, Sarah Herring graduated from the Southern Women's College in La Grange; after graduating, she worked at various jobs while continuing her education by taking additional college courses; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1930s, she moved to Nashville and taught swimming at the YWCA, where she met her future husband James Easton Cope, who at the time was working as an Accountant; and

WHEREAS, After a lengthy courtship, she married Jimmie Cope in August of 1939; after living in Nashville for a few years, they moved to Tullahoma where Sarah worked in the office of Camp Forrest; she continued serving there several years after the war had ended; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Sarah and Jimmy moved to Winchester after Jimmy had accepted a job as head Accountant for the Winchester Utility Board; he remained at this position until his retirement, some 25 years later; during this time, Sarah served as a Substitute Teacher in the Franklin County School System; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected resident of Winchester, she has faithfully served the First United Methodist Church for over fifty years as a member and Sunday School Teacher; she was recently recognized as the church's oldest living member; and

WHEREAS, The members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to especially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Sarah Elizabeth Cope on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.